

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, South Dakota is the most agricultural state in the nation, and:

WHEREAS, the raising of livestock is the acknowledged backbone of the state's agricultural economy, and;

WHEREAS, cattle numbers in South Dakota as of January 1 of this year were 4,238,000 head -- the highest in the state's history, and;

WHEREAS, the sale of livestock and livestock products in South Dakota during the past year exceeded \$561 million and represented 71 percent of the state's total cash farm receipts, and;

WHEREAS, realized net income from agriculture averaged \$4,904 per farm in South Dakota this year, 15 percent above the national average, and;

WHEREAS, the inventory of all livestock in South Dakota amounts to over \$725 million, thus providing a high degree of tax support for local, county and state governments as well as school districts of South Dakota, and:

WHEREAS, the livestock industry has produced a proportionately high number of outstanding leaders for every aspect of life in South Dakota from territorial days to the present, and:

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Stockgrowers Association is embarking on its 75th year of continuous service to the livestock industry of the state, and:

WHEREAS, this Association and its Auxiliaries, the South Dakota CowBelles and Junior Stockgrowers, have vigorously promoted increased consumption of beef, thereby demonstrating the self-help characteristics of the industry and contributing to the good health of the nation's consumers, and:

WHEREAS, this Association and its members have been consistently in the forefront of struggle to keep the livestock industry free of needless government subsidy and control, and:

WHEREAS, its energetic support of the free enterprise system and its devotion to "grass roots" government gives real meaning to the state motto, "Under God, the People Rule," and

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA - BUREAU OF ADMINISTRATION - OFFICE OF RECORDS - HANDBOOK - CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY  
I, THE DIRECTOR OF RECORDS, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY IS AN ACCURATE REPRODUCTION OF THE RECORDS AND INFORMATION HELD IN THE RECORDS OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA CAPTIONED WILLIAM J. BROWN. IT IS FURTHER CERTIFIED THAT THE AFORESAID RECORDS CONTAINED IN THE RECORDS OF THE ABOVE RECORDS WAS IN A PROPER STATE AND ORDER AS OF THE DATE OF THIS CERTIFICATE.

WHEREAS, the Association has done much to perpetuate the rich heritage of independent effort and collective cooperation for the common good which typified its pioneer founders, and;

WHEREAS, the Association and its members have staunchly fought to preserve and conserve the natural resource of the state for the beneficial use of generations to come;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NILS A. BOE, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of June 1, 1966, through June 7, 1966, as

SOUTH DAKOTA STOCK GROWERS WEEK

and most earnestly urge that the citizens of this state join in the observance of this historic anniversary celebration with the stockmen of South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the year <sup>one thousand nine</sup> hundred and sixty-six.

  
Nils A. Boe  
Governor

ATTEST:

ALMA LARSON  
Secretary of State